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In re Application of:)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

2. A method for defining a path through an overall network for communications

service between a unit and a service provider, comprising:

storing a topology of an overall network including elements and links among the elements;

receiving a service order for provision of the communications service between the unit and the service provider; and

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